

**School will be closed on Friday, May 21 for professional development  
and May 24 for Victoria Day**



### May is Walk and Wheel Month

Support your child's active transportation goals. Walk or wheel to school with them. If you must drive please stop at least two blocks from the school and walk the rest of the way.

### School Supplies for 2021 - 2022

We are considering offering to parents the option of paying the school to purchase school supplies for their children. Here are some advantages that we see.



- Cost savings for parents. The school receives a discount from Monks. We will pass this on to parents.
- Less waste; Some classes have enough lined paper to last a lifetime. We will use this up.
- Non-consumables; Scissors, rulers etc. would be a one time purchase and stay with the class. Students would then have access to the correct size as they move into older grades.
- More uniformity of supplies in the class. This is a big deal for teachers. With 20 to 29 students in a class life is so much easier if the teacher can say "take out your blue binder for science." And everyone has the same binder,
- Parents don't have to brave the stores in August wondering if they are supposed to get the light blue Hilroy workbook or the dark blue one. No more nagging from children to get the extra special sparkly unicorn shaped binder. Everything will be waiting for them at school.

In the next couple of days will be sending out a survey to find out how much parents usually pay for school supplies, if there is possible interest in doing this, and an opportunity to comment or ask questions. It is our hope that this option will be picked up by enough parents for us to able to offer it. We feel it will make life easier at home and learning smoother at school.

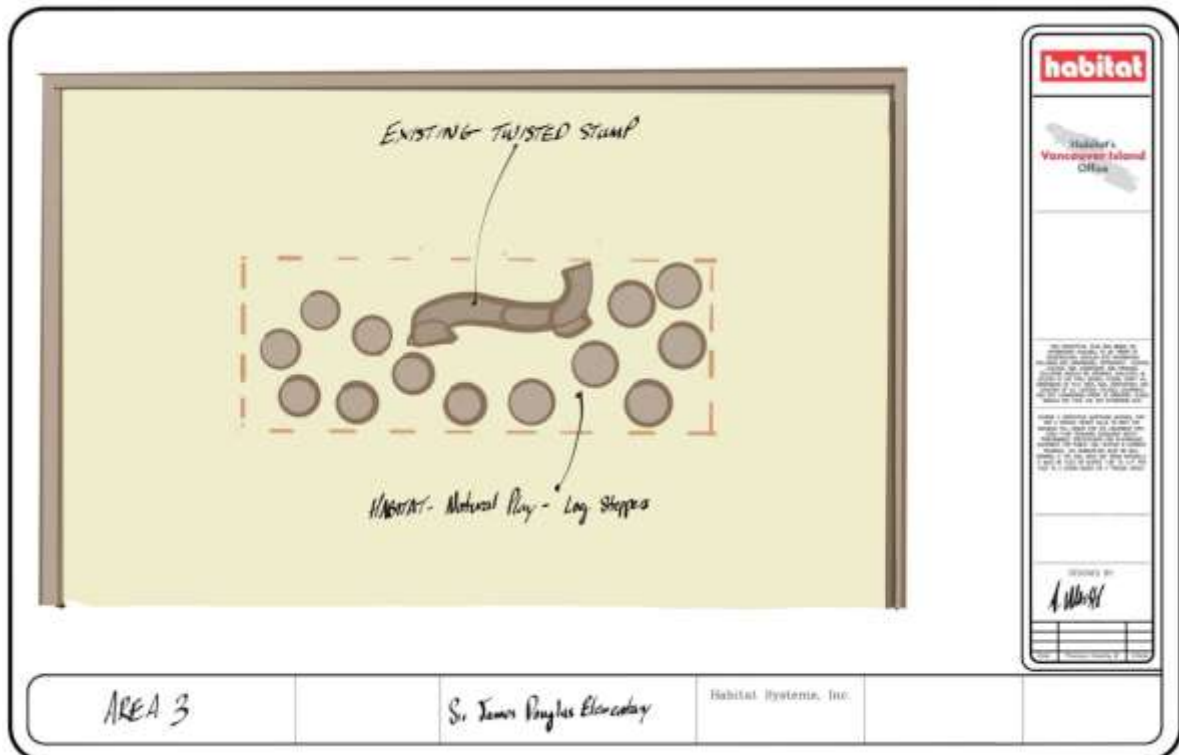
## Playground Enhancement Project

The Laura Gardom Memorial Classroom outdoor classroom will start construction this week! The outdoor classroom is being installed on the bare slope between the Fairfield Community Centre and the Kindergarten classrooms. This has been paid in full through the generous donation of \$16,000 by Ron Davis, in memory of his mother, a former student at SJD.



**And there are great plans for the fall! Three more stages are planned for our playground.**

A natural play area will be installed around the stump in the mulch area near the rocks. Stumps of different heights will be installed around the existing stump to enhance student imaginative play in this area. This will cost \$15,465.



This tall climbing structure is planned for the empty kindergarten area just outside the library windows.

Cost - \$71,692



And finally, a spinner to be installed near the existing playground equipment near the asphalt path in the back.

Cost - \$32,707

We are very excited about the enriched play opportunities these additions will bring to our students' recesses. These are fabulous additions to an already exceptional natural play space.

These play installations will only be possible through your tax deductible donations. Mr. Davis has pledged to match your donations up to \$50,000. **This means that every dollar that you donate will be doubled.**

If you are able to donate you can bring a cheque to the school or go to the green "Make a Donation" button on the school website. <https://sjd.sd61.bc.ca/> Ensure you indicate in the message that the donation is for the playground. You will receive a tax receipt from the District.

Your donations will enhance the play experience for all the children at the school and in the neighbourhood for years to come!